



GFSSP Software Demo

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Outline

- Introduction & Overview
- Mathematical Formulation
- Resistance Options
- Fluid Options
- Demonstration Models



Background

- GFSSP stands for Generalized Fluid System Simulation Program
- It is a general-purpose computer program to compute pressure, temperature and flow distribution in a flow network
- It was primarily developed to analyze
 - Internal Flow Analysis of a Turbopump
 - Transient Flow Analysis of a Propulsion System
- GFSSP development started in 1994 to provide a generalized and easy to use flow analysis tool
- Selected for NASA Software of the Year award in 2001



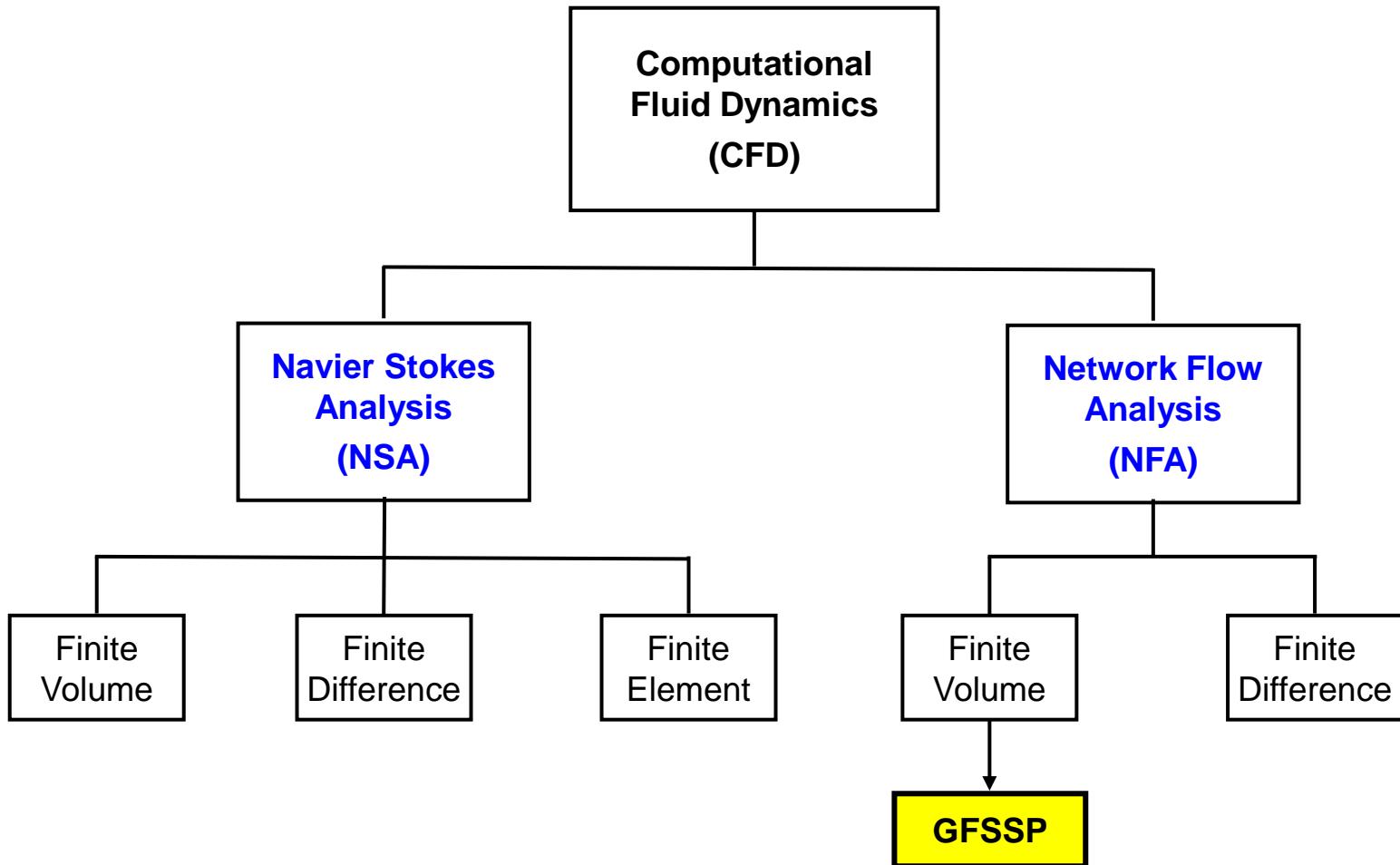
Availability



- GFSSP is free for NASA civil servants and on-site contractors. Contact:
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- GFSSP is also free for other civil servants and for contractors with federal contracts
 - Request at software.nasa.gov
- An Educational Version, without user subroutine capability, is available for universities
- More information is available at the website:
 - www.nasa.gov/gfssp



NETWORK FLOW OR NAVIER-STOKES ANALYSIS (1/2)





NETWORK FLOW OR NAVIER-STOKES ANALYSIS (2/2)



Navier Stokes Analysis

- Suitable for detailed flow analysis within a component
- Requires fine grid resolution to accurately model transport processes
- Used after preliminary design

Network Flow Analysis

- Suitable for flow analysis of a system consisting of several components
- Uses empirical laws of transport process
- Used during preliminary design

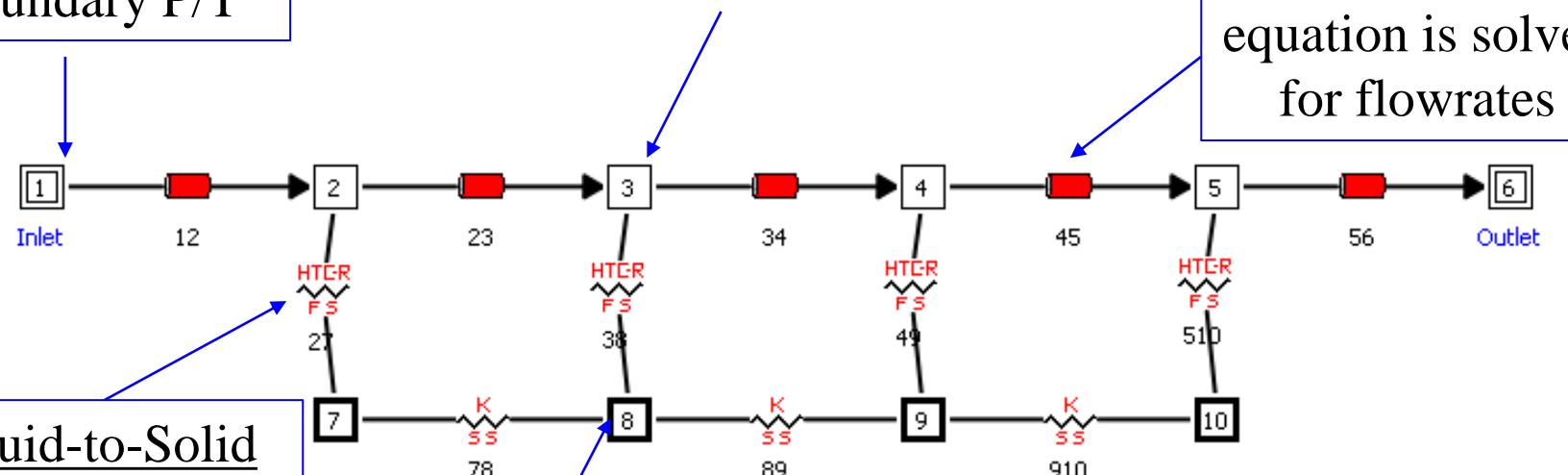


Network Definition

Fluid Boundary
Nodes Set
boundary P/T

Fluid Nodes: **mass** and
energy equations are solved
for pressures and enthalpies

Fluid Branches:
momentum
equation is solved
for flowrates



Fluid-to-Solid
Conductors:
Convection

Solid Nodes:
Solve solid energy
equation for wall
temperatures

Solid-to-Solid
Conductors
Conduction



UNITS AND SIGN CONVENTIONS



- **Units**
 - Length
 - Area
 - Pressure
 - Temperature
 - Mass injection
 - Heat Source
 - **Sign Convention**
 - Mass input to node = positive
 - Mass output from node = negative
 - Heat input to node = positive
 - Heat output from node = negative
- | External (input/output) | Internal (inside GFSSP) |
|--|--------------------------------|
| - in, ft, m, cm | - feet |
| - in ² , ft ² , m ² , cm ² | - feet ² |
| - psia, kPa | - psf |
| - °F, °R, °C, K | - °R |
| - lbm/s, kg/s | - lbm/s |
| - Btu/s, W | - Btu/s |



MATHEMATICAL FORMULATION



- Principal Variables

Unknown Variables

1. Pressure
2. Flowrate
3. Fluid Temperature
4. Solid Temperature
5. Species Concentration
6. Mass

Available Equations to Solve

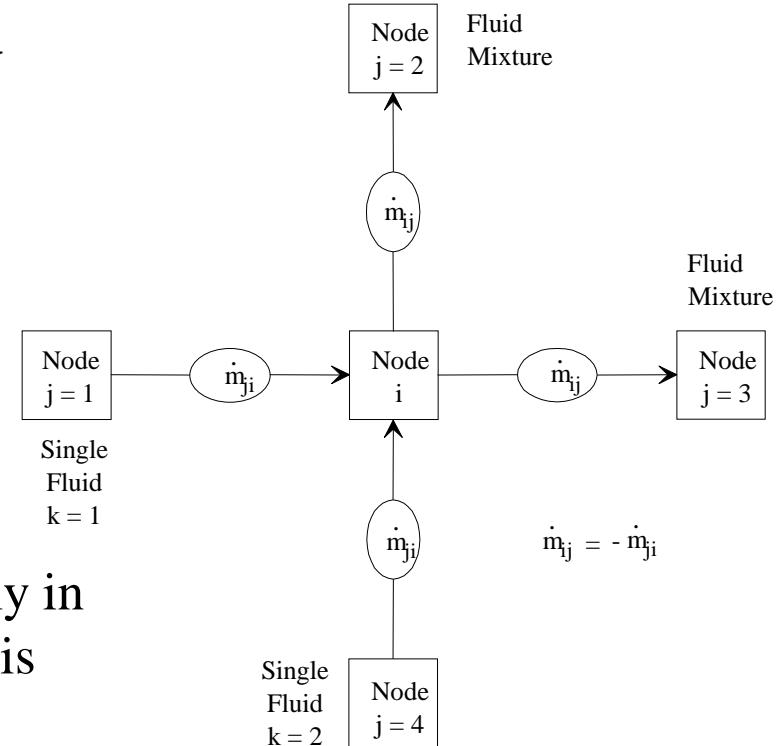
1. Mass Conservation Equation
2. Momentum Conservation Equation
3. Energy Conservation Equation of Fluid
4. Energy Conservation Equation of Solid
5. Conservation Equations for Mass Fraction of Species
6. Thermodynamic Equation of State



GOVERNING EQUATIONS

MASS CONSERVATION EQUATION

$$\frac{m_{\tau+\Delta\tau} - m_\tau}{\Delta\tau} = \sum_{j=1}^{j=n} m_{ij}$$



Note : Pressure does not appear explicitly in Mass Conservation Equation although it is earmarked for calculating pressures



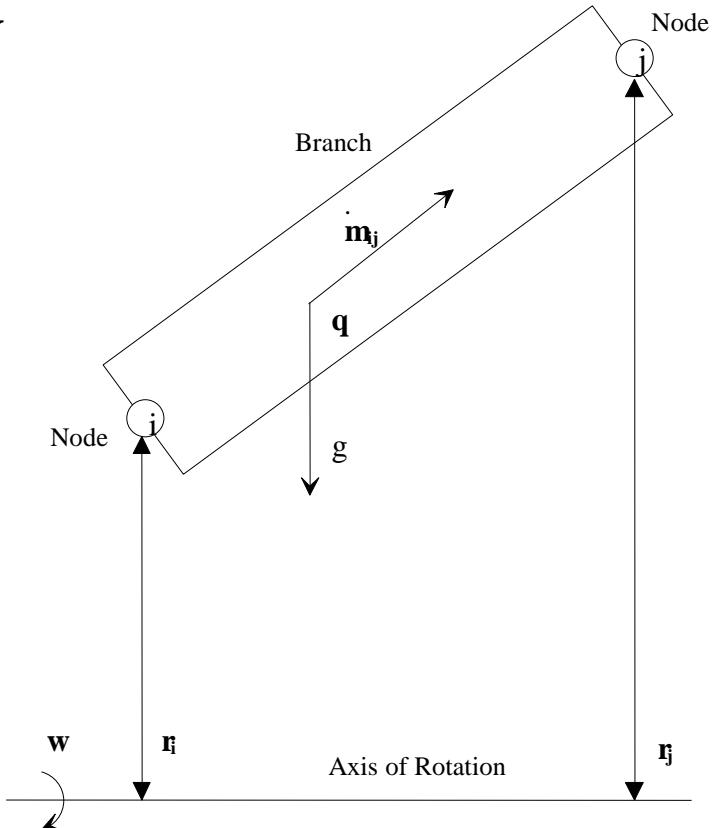
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MOMENTUM CONSERVATION EQUATION

- Represents Newton's Second Law of Motion

$$\text{Mass} \times \text{Acceleration} = \text{Forces}$$

- Unsteady
- Pressure
- Longitudinal Inertia
- Gravity
- Transverse Inertia
- Friction
- Centrifugal
- Shear Stress
- Moving Boundary
- Normal Stress
- External Force





GOVERNING EQUATIONS

ENERGY CONSERVATION EQUATION

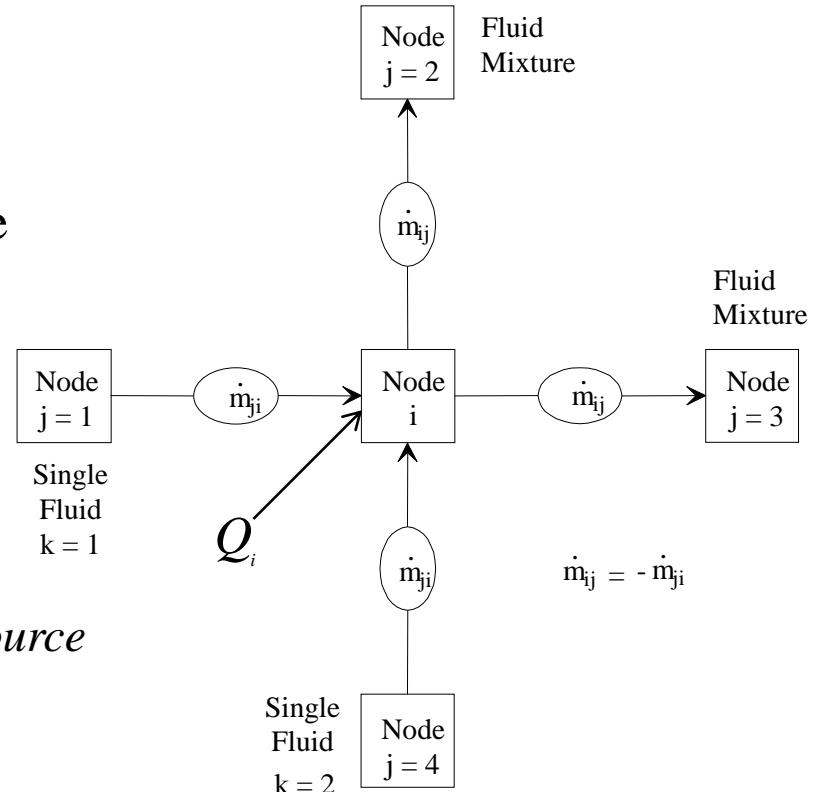
- Energy Conservation Equation can be written in Enthalpy or Entropy
 - Based on Upwind Scheme

Enthalpy Equation

Rate of Increase of Internal Energy =

Enthalpy Inflow - Enthalpy Outflow + Heat Source

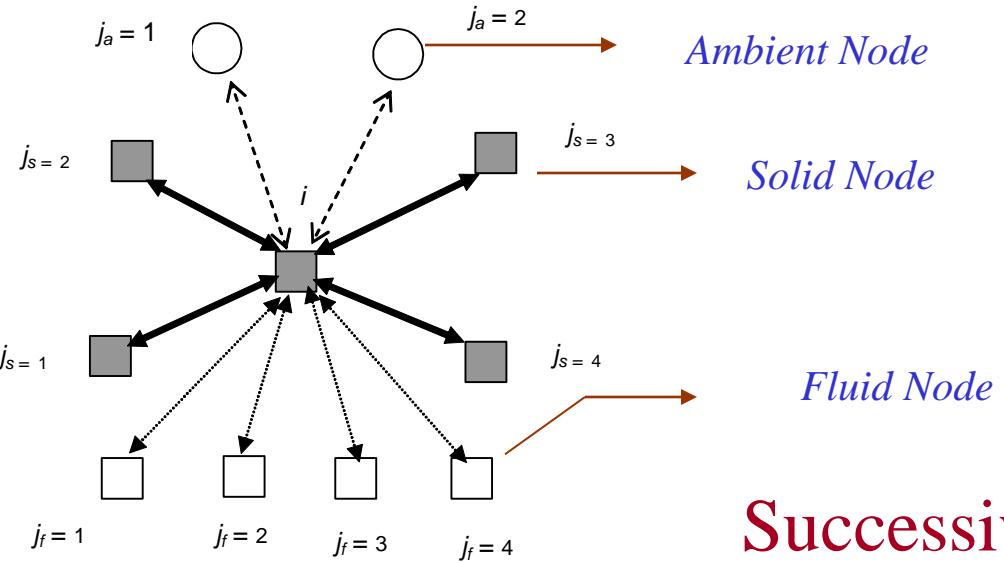
$$\frac{m \left(h - \frac{p}{\rho J} \right)_{\tau+\Delta\tau} - m \left(h - \frac{p}{\rho J} \right)_\tau}{\Delta\tau} = \sum_{j=1}^{j=n} \left\{ MAX \left[-\dot{m}_{ij}, 0 \right] h_j - MAX \left[\dot{m}_{ij}, 0 \right] h_i \right\} + Q_i$$



$$\dot{m}_{ij} = -\dot{m}_{ji}$$



GOVERNING EQUATIONS



**SOLID ENERGY
CONSERVATION
EQUATION**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} (mC_p T_s^i) = \sum_{j_s=1}^{n_{ss}} \dot{q}_{ss} + \sum_{j_f=1}^{n_{sf}} \dot{q}_{sf} + \sum_{j_a=1}^{n_{sa}} \dot{q}_{sa} + \dot{S}_i$$

$$\dot{q}_{ss} = k_{ij_s} A_{ij_s} / \delta_{ij_s} (T_s^{j_s} - T_s^i)$$

$$\dot{q}_{sf} = h_{ij_f} A_{ij_f} (T_f^{j_f} - T_s^i)$$

$$\dot{q}_{sa} = h_{ij_a} A_{ij_a} (T_a^{j_a} - T_s^i)$$

**Successive
Substitution Form**

$$T_s^i = \frac{\sum_{j_s=1}^{n_{ss}} C_{ij_s} T_s^{j_s} + \sum_{j_f=1}^{n_{sf}} C_{ij_f} T_f^{j_f} + \sum_{j_a=1}^{n_{sa}} C_{ij_a} T_a^{j_a} + \frac{(mC_p)_m}{\Delta \tau} T_{s,m}^i + \dot{S}}{\frac{mC_p}{\Delta \tau} + \sum_{j_s=1}^{n_{ss}} C_{ij_s} + \sum_{j_f=1}^{n_{sf}} C_{ij_f} + \sum_{j_a=1}^{n_{sa}} C_{ij_a}}$$



PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Graphical User Interface (MIG)

Solver & Property Module

User Subroutines

- Equation Generator
- Equation Solver
- Fluid Property Program

New Physics

- Time dependent process
- Non-linear boundary conditions
- External source term
- Customized output
- New resistance / fluid option

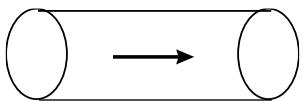
Input Data File

- Creates Flow Circuit
- Runs GFSSP
- Displays results graphically

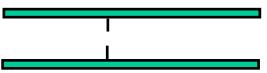
Output Data File



RESISTANCE OPTIONS



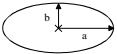
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2. Flow Through a Restriction



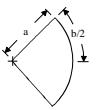
(a) - Rectangle



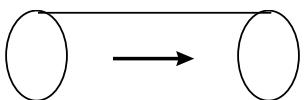
(b) - Ellipse



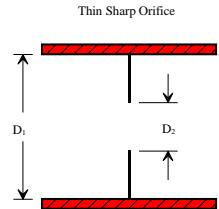
(c) - Concentric Annulus



(d) - Circular Sector

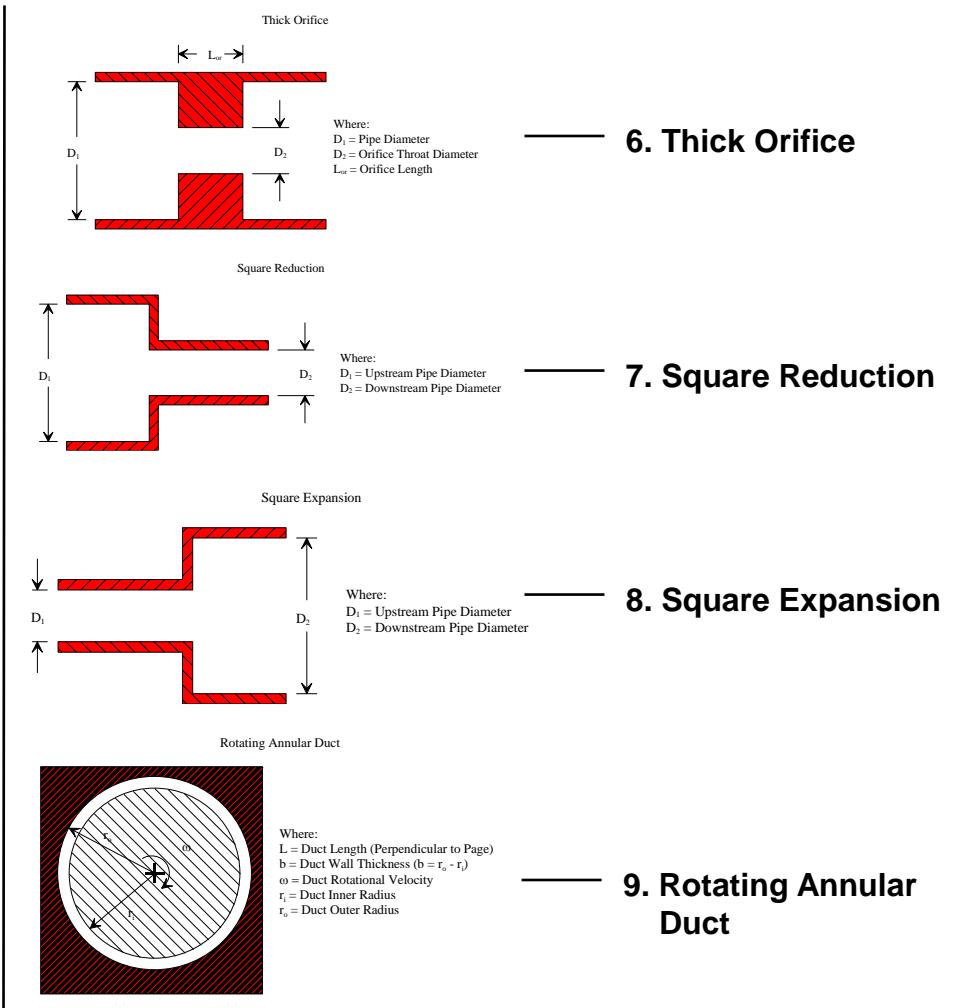


4. Pipe Flow with Entrance & Exit Losses



Where:
 D_1 = Pipe Diameter
 D_2 = Orifice Throat Diameter

5. Thin, Sharp Orifice



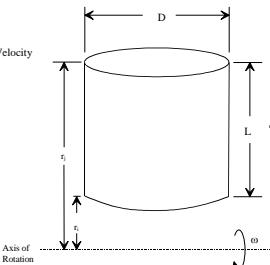


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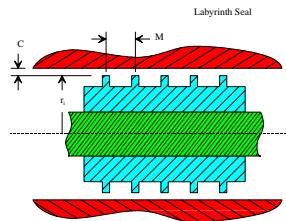


Rotating Radial Duct

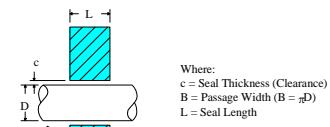
Where:
L = Duct Length
 ω = Duct Rotational Velocity
D = Duct Diameter



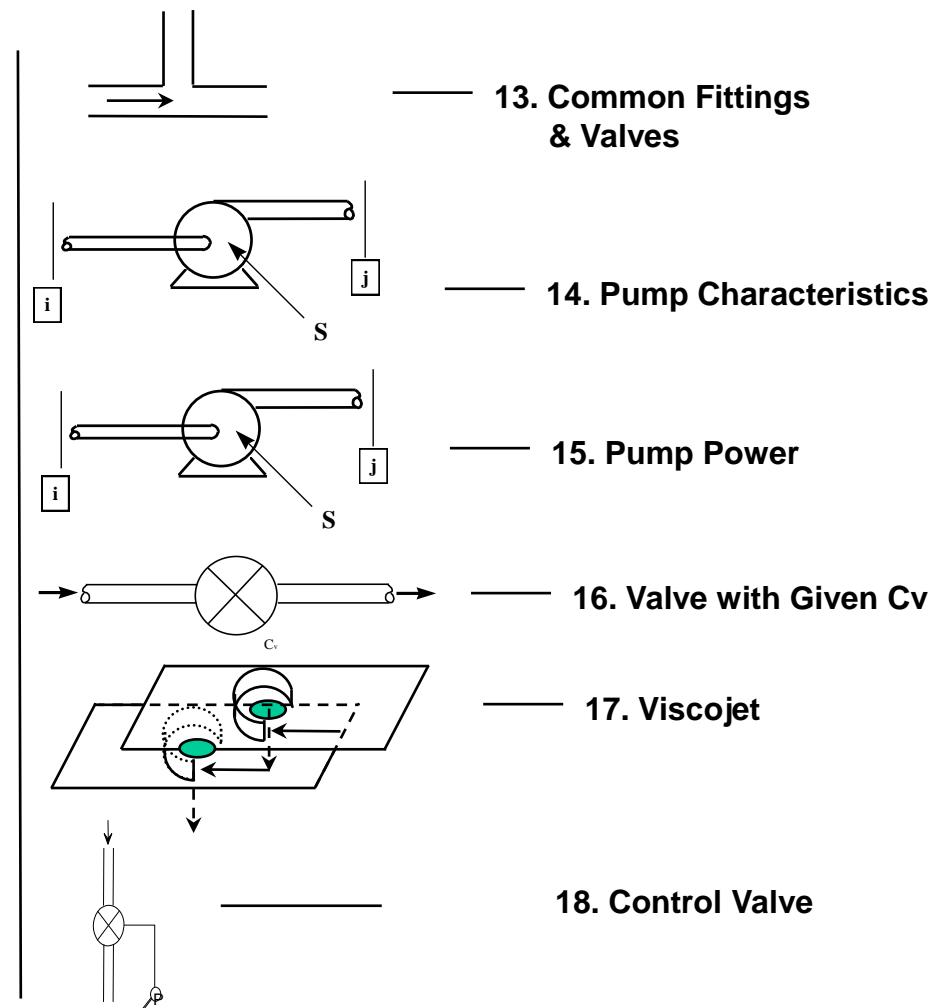
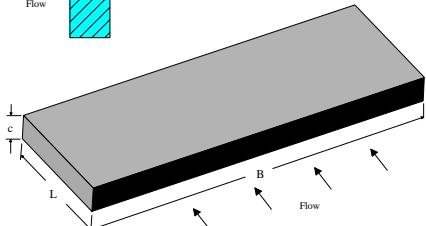
10. Rotating Radial Duct



11. Labyrinth Seal



12. Face Seal

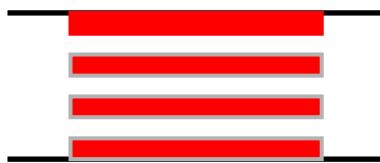




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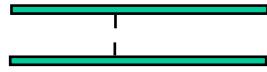
19. User Defined



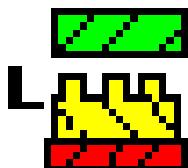
20. Heat Exchanger Core



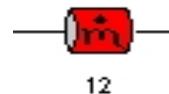
21. Parallel Tube



22. Compressible
Orifice



23. Labyrinth Seal (Egli
Correlation)



24. Fixed Flowrate



25. Cartesian Grid



FLUID OPTIONS



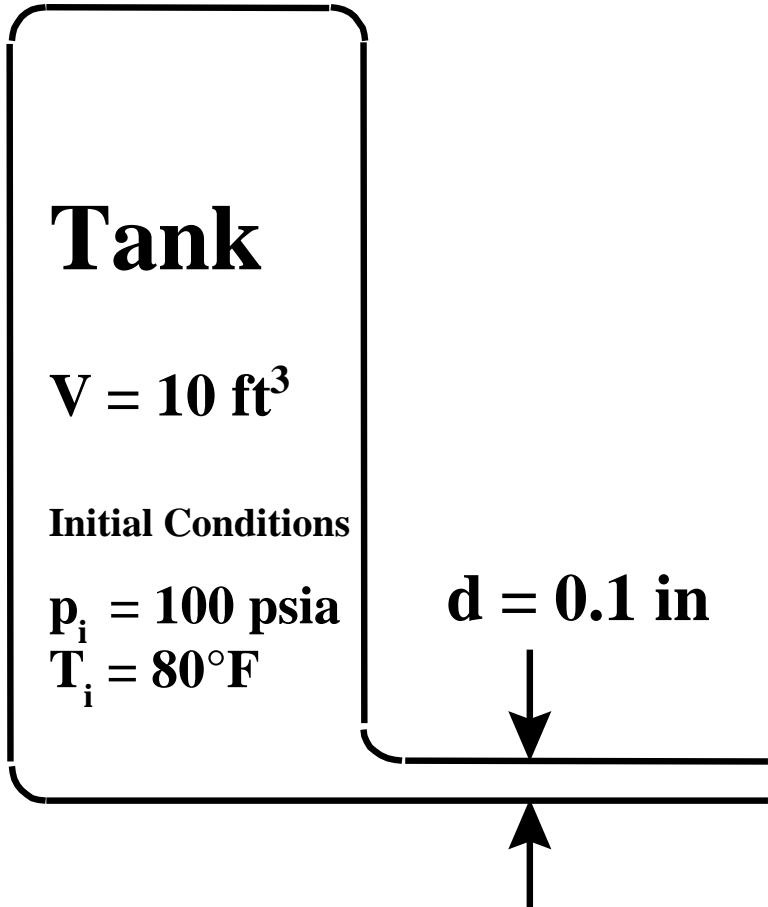
ID Number	SOURCE / FLUID	ID Number	SOURCE / FLUID	ID Number	SOURCE / FLUID
1	GASP He	51	GASPAK He	69	GASPAK Kr
2	GASP CH ₄	52	GASPAK CH ₄	70	GASPAK Propane
3	GASP Ne	53	GASPAK Ne	71	GASPAK Xe
4	GASP N ₂	54	GASPAK N ₂	72	GASPAK R-11
5	GASP CO	55	GASPAK CO	73	GASPAK R-12
6	GASP O ₂	56	GASPAK O ₂	74	GASPAK R-22
7	GASP Ar	57	GASPAK Ar	75	GASPAK R-32
8	GASP CO ₂	58	GASPAK CO ₂	76	GASPAK R-123
9	GASP F ₂	59	GASPAK H ₂ (para)	77	GASPAK R-124
10	GASP H ₂ (para)	60	GASPAK H ₂ (normal)	78	GASPAK R-125
11	WASP H ₂ O	61	GASPAK H ₂ O	79	GASPAK R-134A
12	RP-1 Tables	62	GASPAK RP-1 (liq)	80	GASPAK R-152A
		63	GASPAK Isobutane	81	GASPAK N ₂ F ₃
33	Ideal Gas	64	GASPAK Butane	82	GASPAK NH ₃
		65	GASPAK Deuterium	84	GASPAK H ₂ O ₂
37	User Fluid 1	66	GASPAK Ethane	86	GASPAK Air
38	User Fluid 2	67	GASPAK Ethylene		
39	User Fluid 3	68	GASPAK H ₂ S		



Demonstration Models

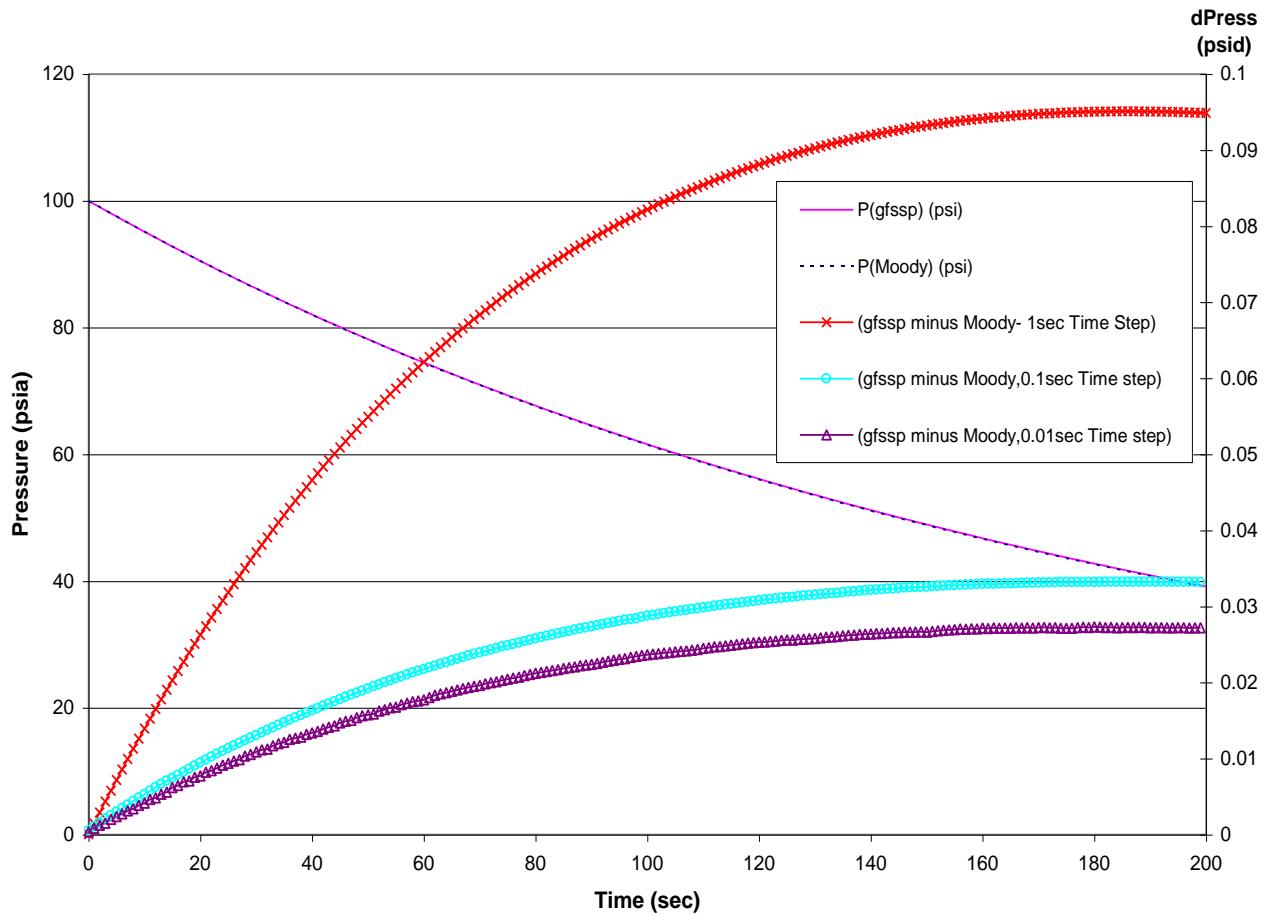


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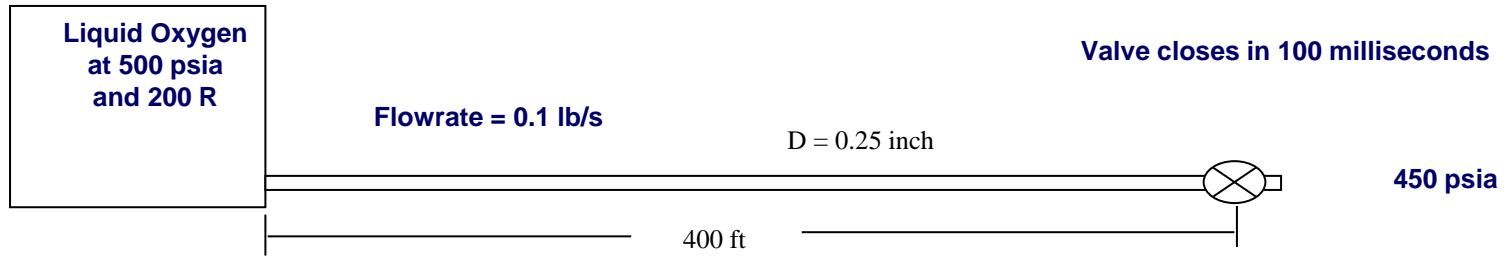


Analytical Solution:

$$\frac{p}{p_i} = \left[1 + \left(\frac{\gamma - 1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{2}{\gamma + 1} \right)^{(\gamma+1)/2(\gamma-1)} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma g_c p_i}{\rho_i}} \frac{A \tau}{V} \right]^{-2\gamma/(\gamma-1)}$$

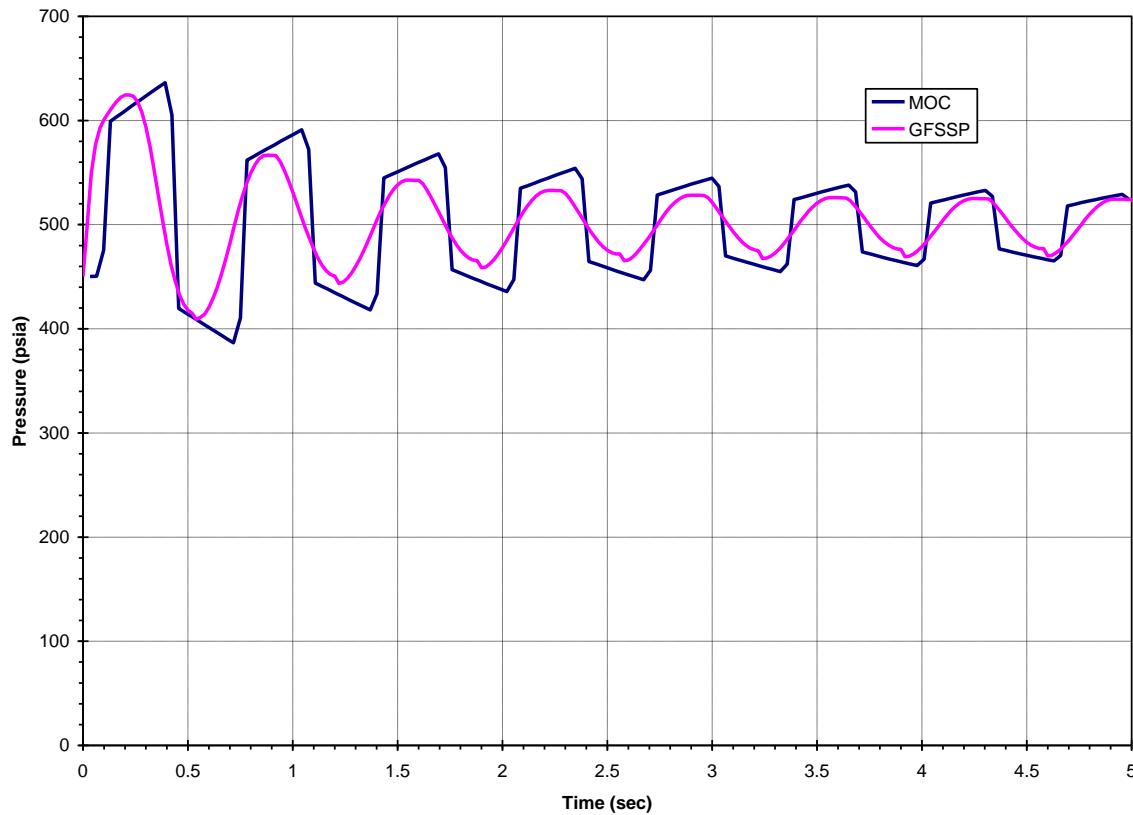


2. Waterhammer





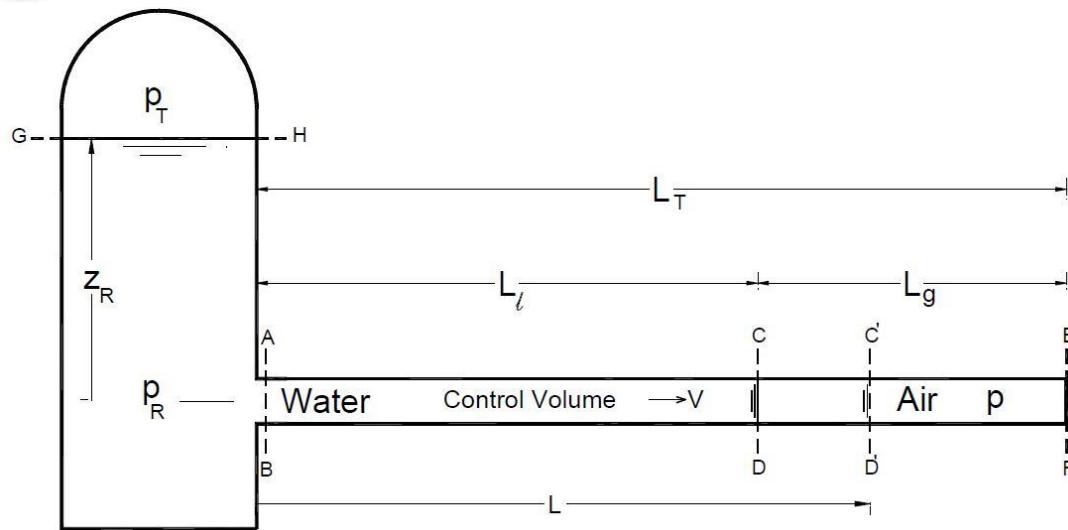
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GFSSP results compared to Method of Characteristics



3. Sudden Valve Opening / Priming

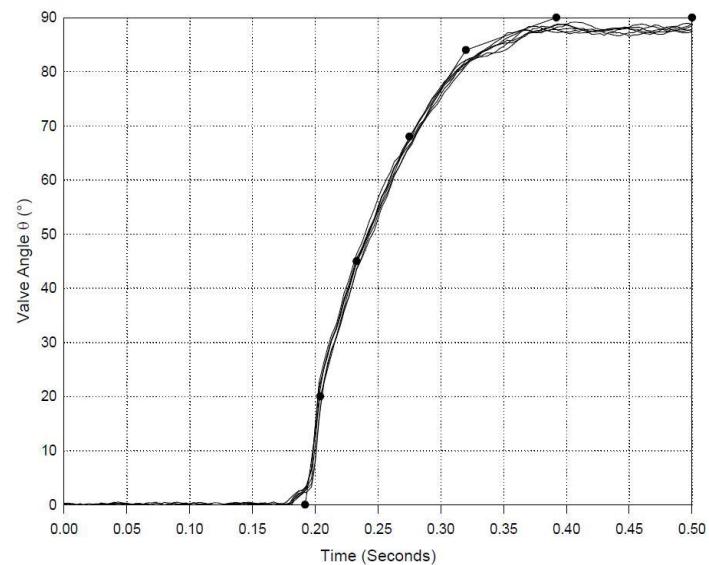


Top: Schematic of the Pipeline System with ball-valve location.

Side: Ball-Valve Opening History

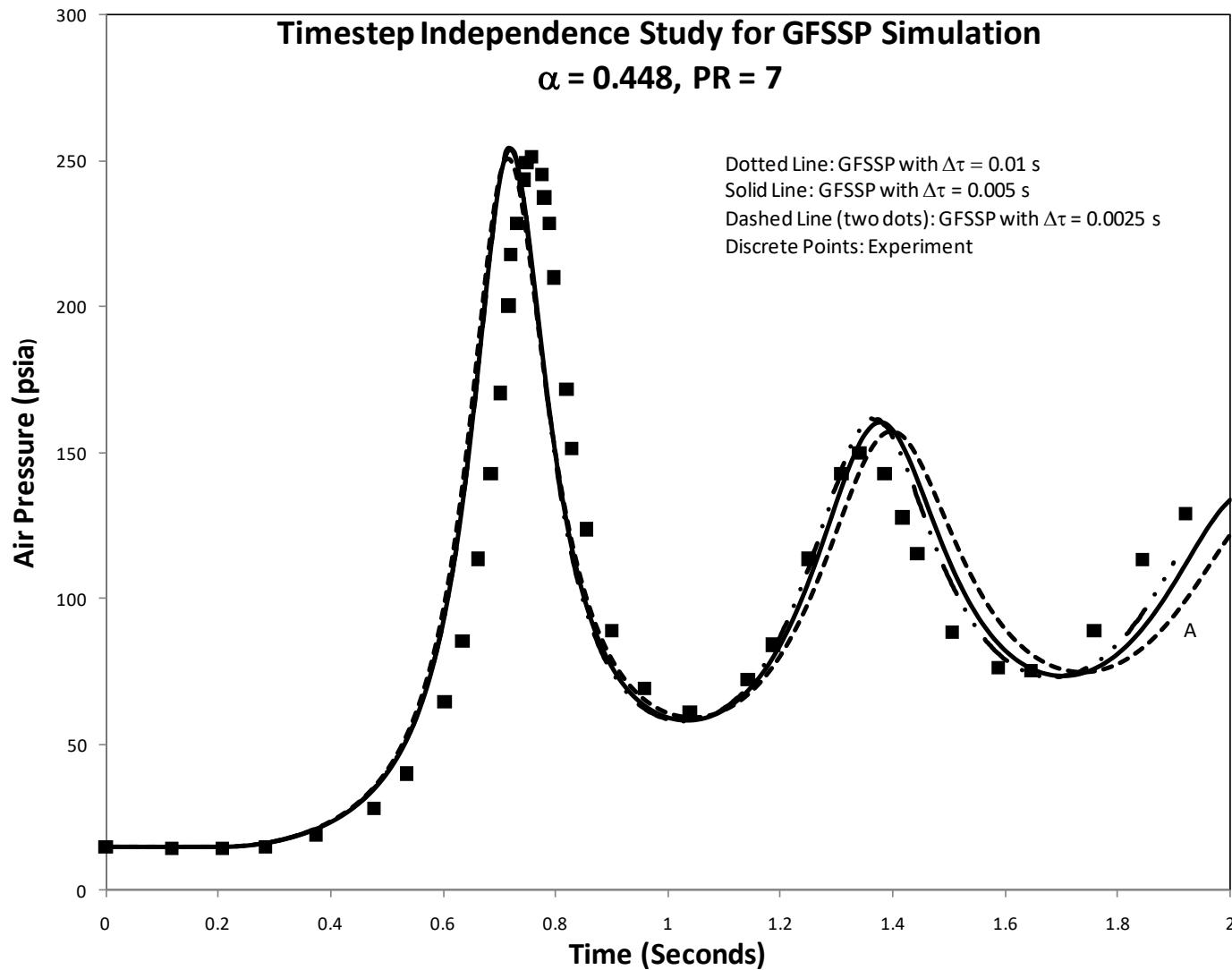
Parameters: $\alpha = L_g/L_T$

$$P_R = p_R/p_0$$



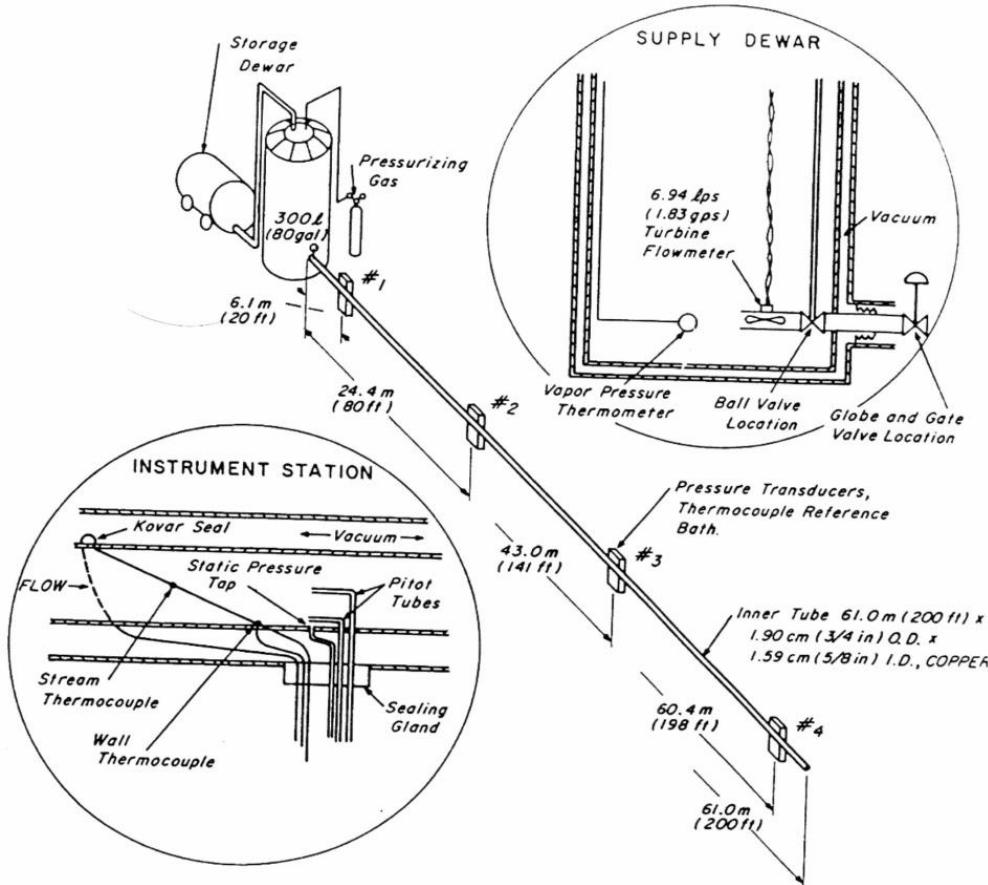


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4. Transfer Line Chilldown

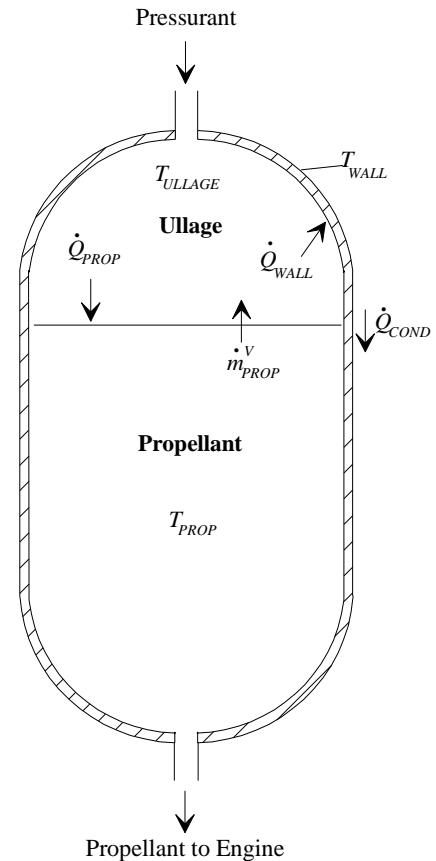


NBS Chilldown Experiment



5. Tank Pressurization

- Change in ullage and propellant volume.
- Change in gravitational head in the tank.
- Heat transfer from pressurant to propellant.
- Heat transfer from pressurant to the tank wall.
- Heat conduction between the pressurant exposed tank surface and the propellant exposed tank surface.
- Mass transfer between the pressurant and propellant.





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